

MEMORANDUM

March 3, 1964

TO: Herman Redlich

FROM: J. Lee Rankin

When the Commission announced the appointment of Mr. Walter E. Craig to undertake the task of protecting the interests of Lee Harvey Oswald before this Commission, I advised members of the staff that "This action by the Commission does not relieve any of us of our obligation to continue to examine every aspect of this matter pointing toward the involvement of Lee H. Oswald with the greatest care."

In order to assist the staff to fulfill this obligation, I would like you and Mr. Eisenberg to review the investigatory materials and prepare for each area a set of questions which you feel should be considered by the relevant staff member in order to protect fully the interests of Lee Harvey Oswald before this Commission. I will expect you to follow through with each staff member to make certain that these questions are fully explored and satisfactorily answered. Please furnish me with copies of all questions forwarded to the staff in connection with this aspect of your work.

You should make it clear to each staff member that your task is to call these questions to their attention and that the responsibility for investigation and evaluation lies with the staff member concerned with the particular area.

It is understood that you and Mr. Eisenberg will work with Mr. Craig in connection with the protection of Lee Oswald's interests and that you will apprise him of the progress of your work in this area.